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### **U.S. District Court** District of Columbia (Washington, DC) CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE'#: 1:16-cv-01959-DLF

SHAPIRO v. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Assigned to: Judge Dabney L. Friedrich

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 09/30/2016 Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of

**Information Act** 

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
09/30/2016	1	COMPLAINT against DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090–4694088) filed by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # 1 Civil Cover Sheet, # 2 Summons Attorney General, # 3 Summons Department of Justice, # 4 Summons USAO)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/30/2016)
10/03/2016		Case Assigned to Judge Randolph D. Moss. (zsb) (Entered: 10/03/2016)
10/03/2016	2	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachment: # 1 Consent Form)(zsb) (Entered: 10/03/2016)

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10/04/2016	<u>3</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 10/4/2016. Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 11/3/2016. (Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 10/04/2016)
10/13/2016	<u>4</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by William Mark Nebeker on behalf of DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/13/2016)
11/02/2016	<u>5</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 11/02/2016)
11/03/2016		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer <u>5</u> , the motion is hereby GRANTED. Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's complaint on or before January 3, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 11/3/2016. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 11/03/2016)
11/03/2016		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's complaint on or before 1/3/2017. (kt) (Entered: 11/03/2016)
01/03/2017	<u>6</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 01/03/2017)
01/03/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer <u>6</u> , the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before March 6, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 1/3/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 01/03/2017)
01/04/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before 3/6/2017. (kt) (Entered: 01/04/2017)
03/14/2017		DISCHARGED PURSUANT TO MINUTE ORDER FILED ON 03/20/2017MINUTE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE: On January 3, 2017, the Court granted Defendant's second motion for an extension of time and ordered Defendant to respond to Plaintiff's complaint on or before March 6, 2017. Defendant does not appear to have done so. Defendant is accordingly ORDERED to show cause on or before March 21, 2017, why a default should not be entered. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/14/2017. (lcrdm3, ) Modified on 3/27/2017 (jf). (Entered: 03/14/2017)
03/15/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant is to show cause on or before 3/21/2017, why a default should not be entered. (kt) (Entered: 03/15/2017)
03/20/2017	7	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order to Show Cause, filed by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit Enlargement Motion (inadvertently unfiled on 3/3/17), # 2 Exhibit Proposed Order (inadvertently unfiled on 3/3/17))(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
03/20/2017	8	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
03/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Response to Order of the Court 7, it is hereby ORDERED that the Minute Order to Show Cause of March 14, 2017, be DISCHARGED for good cause shown. Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to Respond to Complaint 8, the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is FURTHER ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before April 14, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 3/20/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
03/20/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before 4/14/2017. (kt) (Entered: 03/20/2017)
04/13/2017	9	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 04/13/2017)

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04/14/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer 9, the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before May 17, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 4/14/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 04/14/2017)
04/14/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before 5/17/2017. (kt) (Entered: 04/14/2017)
05/11/2017	<u>10</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 05/11/2017)
05/12/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer 10, the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before July 6, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 5/12/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 05/12/2017)
05/12/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before 7/6/2017. (kt) (Entered: 05/12/2017)
06/29/2017	<u>11</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 06/29/2017)
07/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer 11, the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before August 7, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 7/6/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
07/06/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's response to Plaintiff's Complaint due on or before 8/7/2017. (kt) (Entered: 07/06/2017)
08/04/2017	<u>12</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 08/04/2017)
08/09/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer 12, the motion is hereby GRANTED. It is ORDERED that Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before September 7, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 8/9/2017. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
08/09/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall respond to Plaintiff's Complaint on or before 9/7/2017. (kt) (Entered: 08/09/2017)
09/06/2017	<u>13</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Answer re <u>1</u> Complaint, by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 09/06/2017)
09/06/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Defendant's unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Answer 13, the Court hereby ORDERS that the motion be GRANTED. Defendant shall file its answer on or before September 19, 2017. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/6/17. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 09/06/2017)
09/07/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall file its answer on or before 9/19/2017. (kt) (Entered: 09/07/2017)
09/19/2017	<u>14</u>	MOTION to Dismiss, MOTION for Summary Judgment by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Declaration (Declaration of Vinay J. Jolly), # 2 Declaration (Declaration of Gary A. Nails), # 3 Declaration (Declaration of Richard Tischner), # 4 Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 09/19/2017)
09/26/2017	<u>15</u>	Consent MOTION to Hold in Abeyance re <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 09/26/2017)

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09/26/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the Consent Motion to Hold in Abeyance Defendants' Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment 15, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. All further briefing deadlines are hereby VACATED. The parties shall file a joint status report on or before October 19, 2017, setting forth a proposed briefing schedule. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 9/26/17. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 09/26/2017)
09/27/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 10/19/2017. (kt) (Entered: 09/27/2017)
10/19/2017	<u>16</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/19/2017)
10/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER: In light of the parties' Joint Status Report <u>16</u> , it is hereby ORDERED that (1) Plaintiff shall file any opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment <u>14</u> and any cross—motion for summary judgment on or before December 7, 2017; (2) Defendant shall file any reply and oppose any cross—motion on or before January 22, 2018; and (3) Plaintiff shall file any reply to the opposition to any cross—motion on or before February 19, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 10/20/17. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 10/20/2017)
10/23/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff shall file any opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment 14 and any cross—motion for summary judgment on or before 12/7/2017; Defendant shall file any reply and oppose any cross—motion on or before 1/22/2018; Plaintiff shall file any reply to the opposition to any cross—motion on or before 2/19/2018. (kt) (Entered: 10/23/2017)
12/05/2017	<u>17</u>	Consent MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/05/2017)
12/05/2017		MINUTE ORDER: Upon consideration of Plaintiff's Consent Motion for an Extension of Time 17, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The briefing deadlines set in the Court's Minute Order (Oct. 20, 2017) are hereby VACATED. It is further ORDERED that (1) Plaintiff shall file any opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment 14 and any cross—motion for summary judgment on or before December 11, 2017; (2) Defendant shall file any reply and oppose any cross—motion on or before January 26, 2018; and (3) Plaintiff shall file any reply to the opposition to any cross—motion on or before February 22, 2018. Signed by Judge Randolph D. Moss on 12/5/17. (lcrdm3, ) (Entered: 12/05/2017)
12/05/2017		Set/Reset Deadlines: Plaintiff shall file any opposition to Defendant's Motion to Dismiss or, in the Alternative, for Summary Judgment and any cross—motion for summary judgment on or before 12/11/2017; Defendant shall file any reply and oppose any cross—motion on or before 1/26/2018; Plaintiff shall file any reply to the opposition to any cross—motion on or before 2/22/2018. (kt) (Entered: 12/05/2017)
12/07/2017		Case directly reassigned to Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. Judge Randolph D. Moss is no longer assigned to the case. (ztnr) (Entered: 12/07/2017)
12/11/2017	<u>18</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1, # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2, # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3, # <u>4</u> Declaration Anderson, # <u>5</u> Text of Proposed Order, # <u>6</u> Statement of Facts Response)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/12/2017	<u>19</u>	Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit 1, # 2 Exhibit 2, # 3 Exhibit 3, # 4 Declaration Anderson, # 5 Text of Proposed Order, # 6 Statement of Facts)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 12/12/2017)
12/20/2017		MINUTE ORDER. It hereby is ORDERED that the parties shall continue to proceed in compliance with the orders and schedule previously set in this case. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on December 20, 2017. (JK) (Entered: 12/20/2017)
01/23/2018	<u>20</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to <u>19</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment, <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 01/23/2018)

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01/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of <u>20</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall file its response and reply on or before February 28, 2018. Plaintiff shall file any reply to Defendant's opposition on or before March 28, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on January 24, 2018. (MJS) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
01/24/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant's response due by 2/28/2018. Plaintiff's reply due by 3/28/2018. (jl) (Entered: 01/24/2018)
02/27/2018	<u>21</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to File Response/Reply as to 19 Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment , 14 MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 02/27/2018)
02/27/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendant's <u>21</u> Unopposed Motion for Enlargement of Time, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. Defendant shall oppose Plaintiff's cross–motion for summary judgment and reply to Plaintiff's opposition on or before March 9, 2018. Signed on February 27, 2018 by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich. (MJS) (Entered: 02/27/2018)
02/28/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Defendant shall oppose Plaintiff's cross–motion for summary judgment and reply to Plaintiff's opposition by 3/9/2018. (kh) (Entered: 02/28/2018)
03/08/2018	<u>22</u>	Unopposed MOTION to Stay re <u>19</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment, Set/Reset Deadlines, <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 03/08/2018)
03/09/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of Defendant's <u>22</u> Unopposed Motion to Stay Further Briefing, it is ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The parties shall submit a joint status report on or before April 26, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on March 9, 2018. (MJS) (Entered: 03/09/2018)
03/09/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint status report due by 4/26/2018. (jl) (Entered: 03/09/2018)
04/26/2018	<u>23</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/26/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>23</u> Joint Status Report, it is ORDERED that the parties shall submit another joint status report on or before July 11, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on April 26, 2018. (MJS) (Entered: 04/26/2018)
04/26/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Status Report due by 7/11/2018. (jl) (Entered: 04/27/2018)
05/22/2018	<u>24</u>	MOTION to Intervene by DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order)(Rich, Robert) (Entered: 05/22/2018)
05/29/2018	<u>25</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>24</u> MOTION to Intervene filed by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 05/29/2018)
06/04/2018	<u>26</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>24</u> MOTION to Intervene filed by DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. (Rich, Robert) (Entered: 06/04/2018)
07/11/2018	<u>27</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 07/11/2018)
08/10/2018	<u>28</u>	ORDER denying the District of Columbia's <u>24</u> Motion to Intervene. See order for details. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 10, 2018. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>29</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
08/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER adopting the proposal in the parties' <u>29</u> Joint Status Report. It is ORDERED that (1) the defendant shall reply to the plaintiff's opposition on or before October 23, 2018, (2) if the District of Columbia intends to submit an amicus brief, it will do so on or before October 23, 2018, and (3) the plaintiff shall reply to the opposition and any amicus brief on or before November 29, 2018. It is further ORDERED that if the defendant wishes to seek leave to file a sur-reply, the defendant

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		will seek leave to do so on or before December 20, 2018. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on August 23, 2018. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
08/23/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines/Hearings: Defendant's reply and amicus brief due by 10/23/2018. Plaintiff's response and any amicus brief due by 11/29/2018. Defendant's optional request for leave to file a sur–reply due by 12/20/2018. (jl) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>30</u>	RESPONSE TO ORDER OF THE COURT re Order,,, Set Deadlines,, filed by DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. (Attachments: # 1 Exhibit)(Rich, Robert) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>31</u>	Memorandum in opposition to re <u>19</u> Cross MOTION for Summary Judgment filed by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Declaration Gary Nails (Second), # <u>2</u> Declaration Vinay Jolly (Second), # <u>3</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>32</u>	REPLY to opposition to motion re <u>14</u> MOTION to Dismiss MOTION for Summary Judgment ( <i>same as Docket No. 31</i> ) filed by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
10/23/2018	<u>33</u>	NOTICE <i>Of Filing Exhibit 1</i> by DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE re <u>31</u> Memorandum in Opposition, <u>32</u> Reply to opposition to Motion (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1)(Nebeker, William) (Entered: 10/23/2018)
11/28/2018	<u>34</u>	MOTION to Vacate Order,,, Set Deadlines,, , MOTION to Stay re Order,,, Set Deadlines,, by RYAN NOAH SHAPIRO (Attachments: # 1 Text of Proposed Order, # 2 Text of Proposed Order)(Light, Jeffrey) (Entered: 11/28/2018)
11/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting in part the plaintiff's <u>34</u> Motion to Vacate the Briefing Schedule, or in the Alternative to Stay Further Briefing. The Court denies the pending <u>14 19</u> motions without prejudice and directs the parties to file a status report on or before January 4, 2019. Signed by Judge Dabney L. Friedrich on November 28, 2018. (lcdlf2) (Entered: 11/28/2018)